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SUBJECT: Region I (Boston/New York) CWC and IB Meeting - February 20 -

21, 2002

- 1. **Purpose:** To announce a two day Combined Wage Claim (CWC) and the Interstate Benefits (IB) meeting. This meeting will be held on February 20, 2002 and February 21, 2002 in Mystic, Connecticut. This meeting is intended for Interstate Program Coordinators, Liable IB Managers, CWC Managers and Interstate Connection (ICON) Programmers.
- 2. <u>Objectives</u>: The IB and CWC programs are good examples of how partnership arrangements can work. Because success in these areas is dependant upon ongoing relationships, it is important to share information, concerns, problems, and successes in both programs by way of open communication. These annual Region I meetings have helped foster this environment and encouraged the development of these important interstate relationships.

We intend to build upon our last regional meeting, which was held June 2001 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, as well as the national meeting held in September 2001. Once again, we are extending invitations to Pennsylvania, Canada and Florida because of the significant volume of business they have with Region I Boston/New York states. Additionally, we are seeking representation from our support contractor, Lockheed/Martin, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Office. State participants should be prepared to discuss changes, problem areas, and improvements they have made to both the IB and CWC programs.

- 3. <u>Agenda and Presenters</u>: Attached is a tentative agenda. We are requesting feedback and volunteers from the attendees to participate as presenters.
- 4. <u>Time and Accommodations</u>: The meeting will begin at 10:00am on Wednesday, February 20, 2002 and conclude at approximately 1:00pm on Thursday, February 21, 2002. It will be held at the Mystic Hilton, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, Connecticut 06355. Rooms must be guaranteed with one night's deposit on a major credit card at the time the reservation is made. For traveling instructions, please visit http://www.hilton.com. Dress is business casual.

5. Action requested:

- a. Please distribute this issuance to appropriate staff.
- b. Submit comments on the agenda and names of individuals who will be attending to Tim Martin, Regional Office, by COB February 4, 2002 (617/565-2224, tmartin@doleta.gov). Participants should be prepared to discuss changes, problem areas and improvements they have made to both the IB and CWC programs.
- c. Attendees should make reservations at the Mystic Hilton, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, Connecticut 06355. A block of rooms have been reserved under "US Department of Labor Meeting" at \$79 per night, plus tax. Individuals may make reservations at the hotel by calling (800) HILTONS or (860) 572-0731 and identifying themselves as part of the above-named group. The cut-off date for reservations is February 4, 2002.
- 6. <u>Inquiries</u>: For additional information, contact Tim Martin at (617) 565-2224 or tmartin@doleta.gov.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1 (February 20th)

9:00am - 10:00am Registration

10:00am - 10:15am Welcome and Introductions

10:15am - 11:00am IB Committee Update

11:00am - 11:30pm National Office Update

11:30am – 12:00pm Regional Office Update

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 1:30pm Lockheed/Martin Update

1:30pm – 2:00pm BLS presentation – LADT

2:00pm - 3:00pm State Round-robin (issues/concerns)

3:00pm - 3:15pm Break

3:15pm - 4:30pm State Round-robin (issues/concerns) - continued

Day 2 (February 21st)

8:30am - 12:30pm State Round-robin (issues/concerns) - continued

12:30pm - 1:00pm Wrap-up, next steps